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The Honorable Ramsey Clark
Attorney General
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Over the past year, this office has been investigating and reporting on the New Orleans investigation of President Kennedy's assassination. As you are surely well aware, the case has raised as many questions as it has answered, and we reporters often turn to the government for clarification.

Last week we contacted Mr. Jim Garrison's office and were informed that U.S. Attorney David Bress in Washington D.C. had declined to serve a subpoena on Mr. Allen Dulles, as requested by Mr. Garrison. When we telephoned Mr. Bress to learn the basis for his action, we were given what I might - generously - term a rude "No comment."

Mr. Attorney General, I can readily understand how impatient you and your officers must have become with this matter, and I am sure Mr. Bress is occupied with other important business. But the attitude we encountered was one of total disregard - almost contempt - for the public by a public servant. Our reporter would have been satisfied with merely a brief explanation. In the event that explanations are contrary to Department policy, perhaps the "No comment" could be tendered in a more polite manner.

This subject, however tedious it may be, is certain to retain its interest to our listeners. I hope that, in the future, we might look forward to better co-operation with the Justice Department, and perhaps even an answer to our original question.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Lawrence

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